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13. (Amended) Primary coating composition according to claim 9, wherein the composition comprises at least one cross-linking component introducing bimodal distribution into the composition.

16. (Amended) Primary coating according to claim 2, wherein the equilibrium modulus is about 0.9 MPa or less.

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17. (Amended) Coating system for an optical glass fiber comprising a primary coating according to claim 2 and a secondary coating having a volumetric thermal expansion coefficient α_{23} of at least about $3.15 \times 10^{-4}\ K^{-1}$.

19. (Amended) Coated optical fiber comprising a glass optical fiber, a primary coating according to claim 2 applied thereon, a secondary coating applied on the primary coating and optionally an ink composition applied on the secondary coating.

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20. (Amended) Coated optical fiber according to claim 19, wherein said secondary coating has a volumetric thermal expansion coefficient α_{23} of at least about $3.15 \times 10^{-4}\ K^{-1}$.

21. (Amended) Optical fiber ribbon comprising a plurality of coated, and optionally colored optical fibers arranged in a plane and embedded in a matrix composition, wherein the coated optical fiber is a fiber according to claim 19.

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24. (Amended) A tensile testing apparatus comprising the assembly according to claim 22.

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, 1-25 will be pending, of which claims 1, 2, 7, 9, 11, 15, 22, and 25 are independent. The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. No new matter has been introduced.